Mount Auburn.

1884.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

JANUARY, 1884.

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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1884.

Trustees.

J. MONTGOMERY SEARS	*Term expires in*	1884.
CHARLES F. CHOATE	" "	1884.
CHARLES U. COTTING	" "	1885.
DAVID R. WHITNEY	" "	1885.
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	" "	1886.
JEROME JONES	" "	1886.
WILLIAM S. EATON	" "	1887.
ROGER WOLCOTT	" "	1887.
SAMUEL R. PAYSON	" "	1888.
T. QUINCY BROWNE	" "	1888.
HENRY A. RICE	" "	1889.
ALANSON BIGELOW	" "	1889.

President.
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

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H. B. MACKINTOSH.

Secretary.
L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.
JAMES W. LOVERING.

Foreman.
C. McARTHUR.

Surveyor.
S. L. BROWN.

Supt. of Interments.
EDWARD PATCHET.

Gardener.
JOSEPH COLLINS.

Office of the Corporation.
16 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.
AT THE CEMETERY.
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Orders for work on lots may be given at either office, or sent by mail to Superintendent at the Cemetery.

REPORT.

THE past year has been financially prosperous. The amount of sales has slightly increased, and the receipts of income from other sources have been satisfactory.

The Permanent Fund shows an increase of $8,129.22, and now amounts to $241,423.61.

The Repair Fund also shows an increase of $38,164.10, and amounts to $383,726.21.

The General Fund, consisting of cash in the hands of the treasurer and bills not yet collected, is $26,935.16, of which the cash item foots up $19,114.88.

The general drought of the last summer affected our ponds and reduced our supply of water to a considerable extent, especially during the latter part of the season. We had a sufficient supply, however, by exercising economy in its use, to preserve our young trees, shrubs, and flowers, to water our principal avenues, and keep our lots in condition to be revived by the later rains. We hope in the next summer to be better prepared for drought should it occur again.

Under the head of improvements the superintendent reports 1,326 linear feet of gutters repaved, and fifty iron fences and ten hedges removed.

In last year's report it was mentioned that the banks of Forest pond had been regraded and improved, and that considerable work had been done on Ivy path and in Consecration dell. Similar improvements have been made during the past year. The banks of Auburn lake have been treated in the same manner with those of Forest pond, and the carriage drive, which formerly ended at the bridge, has now been continued round the upper section of Auburn lake. Besides lengthening the drive, this extension renders the Receiving

Tomb more accessible and furnishes better accommodation for carriages when the tomb is used at funerals.

Advantage was taken of the summer drought to remove from Auburn and Halcyon lakes and from Forest pond the large accumulations of deposit of many years from the bottom of those sheets of water. More than five hundred loads of rich mud and leaf mould were taken from those localities and made very serviceable in the preparation of new lots.

On Ivy path and the easterly hillside of Consecration dell much labor was expended. The long flight of zigzag stone steps has been removed, and a winding path of easy grade now leads from the junction of Ivy and Coleus paths to Rose path, where it meets a newly constructed path from Walnut avenue to the same point. These new paths make the ascent from the dell to Harvard hill and the Tower very easy, and do away with the fatiguing climb which was formerly so objectionable. A further result of these operations has been to render available for lots about two thousand square feet of desirable land, of which more than one half has already been sold.

The Stone farm portion of the Cemetery is now all ready for use, except the mound which lies between Birch and Egret avenues and adjacent to the iron fence on Coolidge avenue. Work has also been commenced on the Chant and Watriss lots, where much rough grading has been done. On the Chant lot a new avenue, called Vesper avenue, has been nearly finished, and a new lot for public graves, called Vesper lot, has been laid out and will soon be ready for use.

The usual routine of cemetery work, such as the maintaining of avenues and paths, repairs of buildings and fences, the setting out of new trees and shrubbery, and the removal of every appearance of neglect and unsightliness, has also been attended to, and the Trustees have reason to believe that their efforts are yearly rewarded by the general improvement of the grounds.

During the past year the policy No. 3594 of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for $6,300, "payable on the de-

cease of certain parties to the proprietors of the cemetery of Mount Auburn for perpetual care of a certain lot," mentioned for so many years in the latter part of the Treasurer's report as a future asset of the corporation, has been paid and added to the repair fund. The parties were Miss Eunice M. and Miss Eliza Ann Gridley, of Boston, proprietors of lot No. 721 on Cedar avenue; and by the death of the last survivor the policy became due and was paid with interest amounting to $6,363.99, on the 26th of April last. The terms of this very liberal donation were that the income should be especially devoted to the care and maintenance of the lot and its monuments, and afterwards the surplus at the discretion of the Trustees be devoted to the ornament and preservation of the grounds, especial regard being paid in the first instance to Cedar avenue and its immediate vicinity, and afterwards to the Cemetery generally. Such donations as aiding the Trustees in their efforts to adorn and beautify the Cemetery are especially gratifying and worthy of honorable mention.

For several years attention has been called in the appendix of our reports to the legal position of the widow in regard to her right of interment in the lot of her late husband. The subject was at last brought to the attention of the Legislature by the Forest Hills Cemetery Corporation in connection with other matters in which they desired legislative aid. During the last session the following bill was passed: —

LAWS AND RESOLVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1883.
[CHAP. 262.]

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SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved June 28, 1883.*]

It is presumed that this bill will remedy the wrong complained of, and secure to the widow her just and equitable rights.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1883.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	62
" old lots improved by being graded and sodded	52
" old lots bounded with granite posts	9
" lots enclosed with granite	3
" lots enclosed with iron fences	1
" lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	128
" tombs removed	1
" headstones erected	290
" monuments erected	49
" linear feet of gutters paved	1,326
" iron fences removed	50
" hedges removed	10

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last Report		23,741
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1883	544	
" removals from other cemeteries	48	
Total number of interments for the year		592
" " " in cemetery		24,333
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	31	
" " " " interments in public lots	27	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS: —

To public lots	2	
To private lots	74	
Total removals within the cemetery		76
" " from the cemetery		27
Total number of removals		103

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			$11,259.50
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sale of lots	$21,690.25		
" deposits in receiving-tomb	685.00		
		$22,375.25	
For deeds, transfers, etc.		256.00	
" labor and material on lots		49,557.37	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on permanent fund		8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows: —			
Grading Pearl to Eagle avenue	$934.87		
" Ivy path	487.00		
" Chant and Watriss lots	1,875.63		
One quarter of	$3,297.50	824.38	
			81,013.00
			$92,272.50

FOR THE 52D YEAR, 1883.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —			
For labor (pay roll)	$36,994.27		
" materials	13,411.19		
" repairs of buildings and fences	1,042.30		
		$51,447.76	
For expenses, — salaries		6,816.60	
" office expenses		1,764.40	
" taxes on real estate		664.40	
" sewer assessment		232.40	
" insurance		70.00	
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales		5,224.06	
To amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for permanent fund		6,859.00	
To graves purchased	$37.00		
" new receiving-tomb drawback	42.00		
		79.00	
			$73,157.62
Balance in hands of the Treasurer			19,114.88
			$92,272.50

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report		$5,452.11
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	$37,000.00	
" endowments	34,146 49	
" income of investments	20,384.15	
		91,530.64
		$96,982.75
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	$16,366.54	
" notes receivable	76,500.00	
		$92,866.54
Balance in hands of Treasurer		4,116.21
		$96,982.75

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report,	$345,562.11	
Additions during the year	38,164 10	
		$383,726.21
Invested as follows, —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	$361,800.00	
$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		379,610.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		4,116.21
		$383,726.21

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$19,114 88
Bills for labor and material uncollected	$10,072.33	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	2,252.05	
		7,820.28
		$26,935.16

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		$233,294.39
Deposited in December, 1883	$6,859.00	
Interest	1,270.22	
		8,129.22
		$241,423.61

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water-works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway, and other structures; reception-house, and 5,626 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, green-houses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1884.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $19,114.88, and in the fund for repairs, $4,116.21.

T. QUINCY BROWNE,
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

BOSTON, Jan. 11, 1884.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows: —

Donation in Trust. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in some public stock of this State, or of the National Government, or in the stock of some bank or banks of this State, or in notes secured by a sufficient collateral pledge of stocks in this State, or mortgage on real estate in Boston.

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to its credit in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

Reconveyance in Trust. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts

expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTY CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation, *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION, IN TRUST."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

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PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1884.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.
100 square feet.	$1.50	$1.00
200 " "	2.00	1.50
300 " "	3.00	2.00
400 " "	4.00	2.50
500 " "	5.00	3.00
600 " "	6.00	3.50
700 " "	7.00	4.00
800 " "	8.00	4.50

Larger lots at special rates.

Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the nearest 100 feet.

Proprietors will find blank order below, which they can fill and mail to Superintendent, Cambridge. ☞ *Erase what is not wanted.*

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on Lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

To the Superintendent of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

Cambridge, Mass.

Please take care of my Lot, No......, *this year,*

and put in.....*plants, and top-dress,*

Sending bill to

.....

Address,.....

.....1884.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 16 Pemberton Square.

BOSTON, Jan. 25, 1884.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.